

PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: THIELE, et al.  
TITLE: NOVEL ACETALDEHYDE AND MALONDIALDEHYDE PROTEIN  
ADDUCTS AS MARKERS FOR ALCOHOL LIVER DISEASE  
DIVISIONAL APPLICATION OF SERIAL NO. 08/817,018

*Re: Amend  
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7-20-99*

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment into the record.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On p. 1, line 4, please add the following priority claim:  
--This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial  
No. 08/817,018, filed April 8, 1997, and also claims benefit

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